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Applicant: Christophe Pierrat et al.

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING PRINTING OF A PHASE SHIFT MASK
HAVING A PHASE SHIFT ERROR

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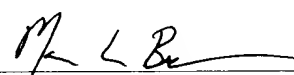
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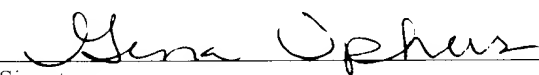
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